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20 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Commander, Detachment A

SUBJECT : Detachment A Problem Areas

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1. Reference is made to your memo on the above subject dated 19 January 1956. A review of the problem areas listed in your paper indicates that several solutions rest with the Commanding Officer of Detachment A. It is my feeling that many of the difficulties listed should be solved locally and if no solutions can be reached, they should be submitted to Headquarters with a recommended solution.

2. Specifically, my comments, in the same order as submitted, are as follows:

a. The procedures and SOP for Project Headquarters participation in the Detachment USCM is covered under the 4070th Support Wing Combat Training and Logistical Training Program for Project AQUATONE, dated 29 January 1956. While the exact control procedures to be implemented by Headquarters have not yet been fully developed, it is generally concurred that this USCM will be conducted under the exact conditions of overseas operations. I suggest that details of this SOP be worked out jointly between yourself and the Director of Operations.

b. Concur.

c. Concur. With regard to paras b and e, I believe that you are fully aware of the personnel procurement problems. However, continued efforts will be made to procure the individuals requested in your memo.

d. It is my opinion that the allocation of facilities at Watertown rests with the Commander at Watertown Strip. Your memo of 14 January to the Base Commander outlines your recommendations. I hope that this problem may be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned locally; however, if the facilities allocated to the Detachment are not adequate and jeopardize combat readiness, Project Headquarters should be notified.

e. Instructions have been issued by personnel to the Commander of Watertown Strip. Since this is a difficult subject, new problems will undoubtedly arise. Therefore I suggest that the major ones be brought to the attention of the proper department for solution.

f. It appears that a Detachment procedure should be established for recording the flight time of civilian crews in all aircraft. However the logging of flight time for military personnel should be consistent with standard Air Force Regulations, that is Form-1's for the T-33's are routed to the parent organization of the assigned aircraft. When our

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people fly these aircraft, they should make an abstract of the Form-1 and submit it to their own home station. This also applies in the case of flights in the U-2 since the U-2 is now officially designated as an Air Force aircraft. It is suggested that you confer with the Director of Operations on this subject.

g. I feel it is mandatory that certain Detachment crews act as chase pilots since this will undoubtedly be necessary at your overseas base.

h. This subject is covered in Headquarters Administrative Memorandum No. 20, dated 26 October 1955. I suggest you refer to this document for communications procedures in the ZI and overseas.


Deputy Project Director

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